

Salvador troops poised against rebels

SAN SALVADOR (R) — About 2,000 infantry troops were wednesday poised to attack El Salvador's rebel-held city of Berlín. Military officers on the scene, 124 kilometres from El Salvador's capital, told reporters: "We're just waiting for our orders to advance." Berlín, the second biggest city in the eastern coffee-growing province of Usulután, was captured by about 700 guerrillas on Monday night after two days of fierce fighting in which an estimated 60 people died. It lies midway between the east-west pan-American and coastal highways which cut across Usulután.

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Israel imposes curfew on Arab town

AMMAN (Petra) — The Israeli occupation authorities are reported to have imposed a curfew on Aj Dhabriya town, south of Hebron, in the occupied West Bank. The curfew has been imposed there following an incident in which one Israeli was seriously injured by stones thrown at a car he was travelling in, reports reaching here said.

Arafat-Wazzan talks 'positive, constructive'

TUNIS (R) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee Chairman Yasser Arafat said he had "positive and constructive" talks with Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan here Tuesday, the Tunisian news agency TAP reported Wednesday. Mr. Arafat told the Lebanese prime minister that "the Palestinian revolution is determined to undertake everything to help to put an end to Israel's occupation of Lebanon," the agency quoted him as saying. Before leaving Tunis Tuesday night after a three-day visit, Mr. Wazzan said the PLO was one of the parties concerned in current negotiations on the withdrawal of Israeli forces. He noted that "the Israelis are demanding that their withdrawal take place at the same time as that of the other parties." Mr. Wazzan said he hoped the presence of U.N. and multinational peace-keeping forces would be "limited in time until security reigns and can be assured by the Lebanese army."

No anti-Israeli operations in U.S.-controlled area

BEIRUT (R) — Col. Thomas Stokes, commander of the U.S. Marines on peacekeeping duty here, said Wednesday he did not believe anti-Israeli forces were operating from areas controlled by his men. "Nobody has given me any information to make me believe this is where they're coming from," he told a news conference at his Beirut airfield headquarters. But he added: "The terrorist activity is a tough ball game... I don't know where they're coming from and I don't think the Israelis do either." Israel has repeatedly charged that unidentified persons who have ambushed Israeli units around the outskirts of Beirut are working from behind the U.S. Marines' lines.

Kuwait, Bangladesh say no Mideast peace without Palestinian rights

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait and Bangladesh said Wednesday there would be no solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict unless Israel withdrew from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and Palestinian rights were honored. A joint communiqué issued by the two sides and carried by the Kuwaiti News Agency at the end of a three-day visit to Kuwait by Bangladesh's military ruler Gen. Hossain Mohammad Ershad also called for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon. It added the two Islamic countries were concerned at the continuing war between Iran and Iraq, now in its 29th month. Gen. Ershad left for Morocco Wednesday and is expected to visit Jordan later.

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Israel, Lebanon stalemates over 'security zone'

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli-Lebanese negotiations have run into more difficulty because of disputes over a proposed "security zone" which Israel is seeking in South Lebanon, Israeli officials said Wednesday.

The two countries differ over the size and concept of the zone which Israel wants to ensure Palestinian commandos do not return to the border area, the officials reported.

The five-week-old negotiations on an Israeli military withdrawal from Lebanon, which have so far failed to make important progress, continued Wednesday with sub-committee meetings in the Israeli Mediterranean town of Netanya.

Israel has made a 45-50 kilometres deep security zone one of the main conditions for withdrawing its estimated 30,000-member army from South Lebanon.

The officials confirmed a news-paper report on Wednesday that the Lebanese team at the talks Tuesday surprised the Israeli delegation by saying they envisaged a far smaller zone.

Israel wants the zone to cover the furthest range of the Palestinian commandos' artillery pieces

to ensure its border settlements cannot be bombed.

Lebanon, backed by the United States, has already rejected an Israeli demand for three military posts, each manned by a company of Israeli troops, in the zone.

The two sides also differ on how the zone should be policed.

Officials reported that negotiators agreed each government would open an office in the other's country but had not decided what to call them.

The United States, which is taking part in the talks, has urged Israel to modify its conditions. U.S. special envoy Philip Habib returned home last month after failing to get Israel to change its stand.

Negotiations continue Thursday with a plenary session in Netanya. They had been scheduled to take place in the border town of Kiryat Shmona but were moved because of bad weather, Israeli officials said.

The furthest range of the Palestinian commandos' artillery pieces

Reagan criticises Soviet policies; urges Arabs, Israel to negotiate

vious criticisms of Israel's policy of creating new Jewish settlements in occupied Arab territories.

"The most significant action demonstrating Israel's good faith (in peace negotiations) would be a settlements freeze," he said.

The president also called on Jordan to "step forward, ready to negotiate peace directly with Israel."

"Israel and Arab leaders must take the necessary risks for peace, to take root and bloom if we are to succeed," Mr. Reagan said. "It is riskier to do nothing, to let this time pass with no tangible sign of progress."

He called for flexibility in stalled talks on the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon as part of a pullout of all foreign forces including Syrians and Palestinians.

Genscher urges Moscow to consider Reagan offer

PRAGUE (R) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher urged Moscow Wednesday to give serious consideration to U.S. President Reagan's offer to meet Soviet leader Yuri Andropov.

Addressing a news conference at the end of a two-day visit to Czechoslovakia, Mr. Genscher said the president's proposal must be recognised as very serious

Deputy's death gives Haughey breathing space for caucus

DUBLIN (R) — Former Prime Minister Charles Haughey won a reprieve Wednesday in his battle to remain leader of Ireland's main opposition party following disclosures about political eavesdropping during his time in office.

The parliamentary caucus of his Fianna Fail party assembled Wednesday expecting to hear Mr. Haughey's opponents demand a special meeting next Friday at which they could put his future to a vote.

But the session was immediately adjourned as a mark of respect for party deputy Clement Coughlin, who was killed in a car crash Tuesday.

Parliamentary party Chairman James Tunney walked out of the room before the rebels could raise the issue.

Party sources said the dissidents were now circulating a petition demanding the Friday meeting.

The number of signatures they



A visiting delegation from the International Labour Organisation confers with Labour Minister Jawad Al Anani and senior ministry officials Wednesday (Petra photo).

Fuel prices go up

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran Wednesday issued a defence order revising retail fuel prices at petrol stations according to the following index:

A litre of premium (super) petrol: 195 fils

A litre of regular petrol: 165 fils

A litre of kerosene: 65 fils

A litre of diesel oil: 65 fils

A litre of jet fuel: 70 fils

The order takes effect Thursday, Feb. 3, 1983.

The new index, in effect, raises the price of every 20 litres of all types of fuel by 100 fils.

Unidentified gunman wounds 2 French soldiers in Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — Two French soldiers were wounded Wednesday when a gunman in a car fired on troops jogging along the Beirut seafront, a French embassy spokesman said.

It was the second attack within a week on French members of the multinational peacekeeping force in Beirut. Last Saturday a French soldier was injured when a motorcyclist threw a grenade at a military truck.

The embassy spokesman said that French troops immediately put up checkpoints across a wide area of Beirut but there was little prospect of finding the attacker. "It is too late," he said.

The spokesman said the soldiers had been wearing sports clothes and had not been carrying weapons.

Instructions had now been issued that French troops should either carry weapons or be protected by armed colleagues at all times, he added.

Morocco postpones Arab mission visit to London

LONDON (R) — King Hassan of Morocco Wednesday postponed a proposed Arab League peace mission to Britain for a second time, citing domestic reasons.

The visit had originally been scheduled for last November but was called off by King Hassan at the last minute when Mrs. Thatcher refused to accept a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the delegation.

The Foreign Office statement said the king asked to postpone the visit, planned for next week, for his own domestic reasons.

The statement did not elaborate. But diplomatic sources suggested it could be because of the recent death of his closest security adviser, Gen. Ahmad Dlimi, in a road accident.

The sources said Gen. Dlimi, 55, who was commander-in-chief of Moroccan forces in the Western Sahara, was regarded by the king as the power behind the military. The Foreign Office said King

had never announced that the Arab League visit had been rescheduled for next week and Wednesday refused to make clear whether the question of PLO participation in the delegation had been resolved.

Ghanaian exodus continues

LAGOS (R) — Two ships sent by Ghana to evacuate some 3,000 stranded Ghanaians were due to dock in Lagos late Wednesday, two days after the expiry of a Nigerian government deadline for their departure as illegal aliens.

Ghana's Interior Secretary (Minister) Johnny Hansen told reporters after talks with Nigerian Interior Minister Al Haji Alibata that the two fishing vessels could carry as many as 4,000 people.

Those remaining at the dock were mainly destitute Ghanaians who said they could not raise enough money for the land journey through Benin and Togo to their homeland.

The latest scandal, over disclosures of bugging and wiretapping, has already forced the country's two top policemen to retire early and two former ministers, including finance spokesman Ray MacSharry, to quit the opposition

front bench.

At least one person was drowned in a frantic scramble to board two ships which docked on Monday.

Begin, Soares discuss Mideast

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin urged top ranking European socialists Wednesday to persuade Jordan to join the Middle East peace process. He made his appeal to a Socialist International delegation headed by former Portuguese Prime Minister Mario Soares, in the Middle East on a fact-finding mission. The delegation is leaving for Tunis Thursday to meet Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat. Mr. Soares, who held talks with Jordanian leaders earlier in the week, had expressed his view that the U.S. proposals and the Arab peace plan have positive elements to work out a compromise formula for Middle East peace.

Jordan seeks ILO help for Arab labourers in occupied territories

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Wednesday called on the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to explore ways to extend assistance to Arab labourers under Israeli occupation and prepare proposals to be discussed at an ILO conference to be held in Geneva later this year.

The appeal was made by Labour Minister Jawad Al Anani, who met with an ILO delegation which arrived Tuesday on a five-day visit to Jordan.

The Israeli occupation authorities are cracking down on Arab labourers and trade union leaders, and have launched a harassment campaign of house arrests, imposition of heavy taxes on businesses and creating obstacles in the marketing of Arab products.

Dr. Anani also presented to the delegation a report prepared by the Jordanian Labour Minister detailing the Israeli measures against Arab labourers and the adverse effect on the Arab inhabitants of the occupied land.

These measures, he pointed out, have led to increasing unemployment among the Arab inhabitants and exploitation of Arab labourers, in the occupied areas.

The ILO delegation, which is on a fact-finding mission to the region, will visit Syria after talks with Jordanian officials.

Wednesday's meeting in Amman was attended by Labour Minister Under-Secretary Taysir Abdul Jaber and senior ministry officials.

ILO team meets Ali Dajani, page 2

International lawyers say Israel involved in massacres

LONDON (Agencies) — Israeli authorities or armed forces were "directly or indirectly" involved in the September massacres in Palestinian refugee camps and should be tried for "war crimes," according to an international commission of lawyers.

The report, entitled "Israel in Lebanon," is slated for official publication here Thursday. It calls Israel's invasion of Lebanon "an act of aggression" in violation of international law.

The commission recommended that Israel pay war damages to Lebanon and reimburse international relief agencies for the money they spent helping Lebanon.

The commission also called for the immediate withdrawal of a foreign troops stationed in Lebanon without the authorisation of the Beirut government and the replacement of the multinational peacekeeping force by United Nations troops.

It was a similar story on France's northern coast where sea defences constructed during World War II were smashed at Villers-sur-Mer and several houses damaged.

Waves of up to ten metres cast a falling billboard killed an elderly woman in Hamburg, a falling tree killed an eight-year-old boy in East Germany and two men died in car accidents in Sweden.

The eight-man crew of the Danish merchant navy schooner Activ drowned Tuesday when their ship sank in raging seas off the northern Dutch coast.

In West Germany, the port of Hamburg was temporarily closed as the water level rose more than five metres above normal. Low-lying areas near the Elbe River were evacuated but police later said storm waters were receding.

Sources close to the police said an unnamed Italian arrested last month on unspecified charges told investigators Mr. Savic offered him money to make an attempt on the Pope's life. Police gave no further details.

Another Turk, Mehmet Akgan, is serving a life sentence in Italy for trying to kill the Polish-born pontiff in St. Peter's Square in May 1981.

Vatican bestows cardinalships on 18

VATICAN CITY (R) — Pope John Paul created 18 new cardinals from across the Catholic world Wednesday, including Polish Prime Minister Józef Glemp, the Soviet Union's first resident cardinal and the patriarch of Lebanon's Maronite Christians.

In a colourful ceremony, the Pope bestowed on each in turn the cardinal's red biretta, a square four-flanged hat, before a 6,000-strong audience of churchmen, diplomats and invited guests. The Vatican choir sang chants of welcome.

"In your persons, in many cases coming from very distant churches, this particular community that has at its head the successor of Peter bears witness in a most vivid way to its worldwide dimension," the Pope told them.

The patriarch of Lebanon's Maronite Christians, Antoine Khorashie, gave the opening address in which he asked the Pope for his country's help in a difficult situation.

"The more grievously the nation is tried the closer it is to my heart, and I send to it the expression of my sincere affection and constant gratitude," he added.

HOME NEWS

Dajani outlines problems facing employers under occupation

Andrew Gilmour
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — If the ILO wishes to learn the whole truth about the situation in Lebanon, the organisation ought to visit that country and see for itself the destruction of commercial life there.

This was the message of Ali Dajani, the director of the Amman Chamber of Industry, at a meeting held Wednesday night with members of the ILO delegation which is on a five-day fact-finding mission in the region. Much has been said about the difficulties facing Arab workers of the occupied territories, in particular their trade unions being subjected to continual interference. Relatively little, however, is known of the problems encountered by the employers. The purpose of Wednesday's meeting was to discuss this particular aspect of labour in the occupied territories.

Reports suggest that throughout Beirut and southern Lebanon, Muslim shopkeepers and other businessmen undergo regular harassment and abuse of religious grounds at the hands of Falangist party members. The situation is rapidly becoming similar to that of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in terms of the difficulties experienced by the Arab business community.

Mr. Dajani began the meeting by saying that conditions had in every way deteriorated since the

last meeting with the ILO. Arab employers (and this includes shopkeepers, for instance) in the occupied territories are unable to attend either meetings of the Chambers of Commerce elsewhere in the Arab World or the labour committee established to deal with social affairs. Mr. Dajani told the ILO team. Violating Jordanian law, the occupation authorities have forbidden the chambers to hold meetings, he said. What is more, the chambers are deprived of their revenues and are overcharged on their taxes, he added. The Israeli delay tax collection, allowing it to accumulate, and then suddenly demand immediate payment of massive sums; this practice frequently results in bankruptcies, Mr. Dajani explained.

Mr. Dajani went on to expound further difficulties experienced. The constant interruption of studies at West Bank universities means that people have to choose between sending their children to foreign universities or foregoing any sort of further education. "This is an additional financial burden for businessmen," Mr. Dajani said.

Islamic heritage is flourishing in U.S.

By Ara Voskian
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A leading Arab-American literary figure delivered a lecture Wednesday at the American Centre in Amman on the Arab-Muslim heritage in the United States.

Dr. George N. Atiyeh, who is the head of the Near East section of the Library of Congress in

Washington D.C., explained the history of the Arab-Muslim heritage which, he said, started on a large scale after World War II.

Dr. Atiyeh, who got his doctorate in Oriental languages and literature in 1954, discussed the roots of the Arab-Islamic heritage in the U.S. which, he said, goes back to a period before World War II at which time the Americans had little knowledge of the

Arab World.

The first Arab emigrants who went to the United States emigrated from the Middle East, at the end of the 19th century, and settled on the east coast, he said.

Nowadays, there are 25 universities which offer courses on Middle Eastern studies, he said.

Dr. Atiyeh, who was born in Lebanon, also discussed the effects of Arab literature on the American people, and gave Jibril Kit. Jibril's books as an example which, he said, were the fourth most popular book in the U.S.

Dr. Atiyeh also discussed Arab associations in America and their activities in preserving the Arab and Islamic heritage.

Romanians to supply university's power lines

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Romanian firm 'Romelectro' Wednesday signed a contract with Yarmouk University to supply the university with high voltage power lines from the Irbid District Electricity Company.

The 33 kilovolt lines will cost nearly JD 300,000 in accordance with the contract signed by University President Adnan Badran and a representative of Romelectro at the Yarmouk University's Liaison Office in Amman.

Present at the signing ceremony were the university's project director and several officials.

Romanian firms are also currently working on the expansion of the Al Hussein Thermal Power Station at Zarqa.



Industry and Trade Under-Secretary Mohammad Saleh Al Hourani (third from left) was at the airport to see off a Greek trade delegation after their successful joint discussions (Petra photo)

Greek economic delegation leaves after successful joint discussions

AMMAN (Petra) — A Greek trade delegation left Wednesday at the end of a three-day visit to Jordan. During the trip, talks took place on boosting economic and technical cooperation between Greece and Jordan, and increasing the level of trade.

The talks covered the proposed launching of a joint economic venture, and operating a maritime line between Aqaba and ports in Greece. The 13-member delegation Tuesday signed an agreement on cooperation between the two countries in various economic and trade fields.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by the Industry and Trade Under-Secretary Mohammad Saleh Al Hourani and several other prominent Jordanian officials.

Banks queue up to lend increased loan to Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan's seven-year Euroloan has been increased from \$200 million to \$225 million, and more managers are joining the syndication despite the fine rate of interest it carries. The London-based (Middle East Economic Digest) MEED magazine reported in its latest

The lead managers of the group are: Arab Banking Corporation, Arab Investment Company, Bank of Tokyo, Banque Arabe and Internationale d'Investissement, Banque Nationale de Paris, Chase Manhattan Bank, Gulf International Bank, Kuwait Foreign Trading Contracting and Investment Company, Standard Chartered Bank, Union de Banque Arabe et Francaise, United Gulf Bank and Wardley Middle East. The Banque Intercontinentale Arabe and Libyan Arab Foreign Bank are also expected to join the group.

Education minister seeks vocational training for high school students

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal underlined the importance of providing secondary school students in Jordan with vocational and handicraft training at a meeting of the Education Council held here Tuesday Evening.

The council also heard a report from the ministry's secretary general Abdul Latif Ararabat on the outcome of the Arab Education Under-Secretaries' meeting held in Sanaa last week.

The council also considered a report from the Ministry of Education's Department of Education Director Izzat Jaradat and the Director of the Labour Ministry's Vocational Training Corporation Director Munzer Al Masri on handicraft and vocational training in Jordan.

Dr. Tal said students should have the opportunity to learn a useful trade that will help them make the transition into vocational training later on in their lives.

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Carol Amaya as Cecily Cardew and J.A. Murphy as Algernon Moncrieff rehearse the British Council production of Oscar Wilde's classic "The Importance of Being Earnest". The play opens at the Comcill Thursday and a further performance will be given on Thursday Feb. 10th.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Badran congratulates new speaker

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran Wednesday paid a visit to the newly appointed Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Tarawneh to congratulate him on his appointment. Mr. Tarawneh was Monday evening appointed Speaker of the Senate in a royal decree that also named 29 other leading Jordanian personalities as House members. Mr. Tarawneh succeeded Mr. Bahjat Talhouni who has now been appointed special counsellor to His Majesty King Hussein.

Birth figures for 1981 announced

AMMAN (Petra) — Births registered at the Civil Status Department in Amman amounted to 104,783 in 1981. This included 50,923 males, said the Department's Director Rifa'i Al Hazayneh. He said that in that year number of deaths amounted to 7,845 of which 5,017 were males. Since its establishment in 1977 the department has so far registered 410,349 births and 37,541 deaths, Mr. Hazayneh added.

Training course on shop management

AMMAN (Petra) — The Institute of Public Administration (IPA) is opening a training course Saturday for workers employed by the Ministry of Public Works and the Civil Aviation Authority. The five-day training course, which will have 18 workers participating, is designed to benefit those employed in shops and warehouses, especially in the areas of purchasing and storage. Specialists from a number of government departments are expected to deliver lectures during the five days.

Momani announces new municipality

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani Wednesday announced the ministry's decision to establish a common municipality for the two villages of Alia and Tabarbour to be known by the name of the Tareq Municipality. The municipality's eight-member council will be headed by Mr. Saleh Mqdad.

Technical seminar for water workers

AMMAN (Petra) — The Amman Water and Sewerage Authority (AWSA) will organise training courses for its employees at its own vocational centre starting Saturday, according to AWSA Director-General Mohammad Al Kilani. He said that the first course, which will last three weeks, will be attended by 12 employees working in the various department's technical and administrative sections. AWSA engineers and specialists will deliver lectures on technical aspects, and will give the participants training in the use of modern equipment, Mr. Kilani said.

Egyptian publications to be admitted

AMMAN (Petra) — Press and Publication Director Ahmad Utoum Wednesday issued instructions permitting 34 Egyptian periodicals to enter Jordan. Also allowed into the country as from Feb. 2, are all Egyptian books no matter who the writer.

Fulltime resident archaeological director to boost foreign research in Jordan

By Rami G. Khouri
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The appointment of a fulltime resident director to head the Amman office of the German Protestant Institute for the Archaeology of the Holy Land should spur a considerable increase in the work of German scholars in Jordan, and thus add a fresh dimension to the serious archaeological work already being undertaken throughout the country.

The newly appointed head of the institute, Dr. Axel Knauf, took up his post here three months ago and expects to remain for three years. Previously, the institute in Amman was headed by a non-resident director, Dr. Ute Wagner-Lux, who remains the head of the sister institute in Jerusalem.

Dr. Knauf expects to see a rapid increase in the presence of German or German-speaking scholars in Jordan, given the facilities that the German Protestant Institute is now in a position to offer. These include guest rooms, a growing library and help in making contact with Jordanian or foreign archaeologists working in the country.

Dr. Knauf, who trained as a biblical archaeologist ("in the German, not the American, sense of the word," he points out), graduated with PhD degree in 1982 after having completed his studies at Tübingen and Kiel universities. His doctoral dissertation was a study of the Ishmaelites, the federation of Arab tribes that lived in northern Arabia during the first half of the first millennium B.C. He has recently completed a book on the Arabs during that same period, and now plans to write another book on the history of the Arabs during the Persian/Hellenistic era, or from 582-63 B.C.

His primary interest, he said in an interview here recently, is the history of the Syrian region before



Dr. Axel Knauf

Islam. His first field project this year will be to record Safaitic inscriptions in the desert regions east of Azraq, a task that will be coordinated with the similar project that has been in progress for the past several years in the northeastern desert area under the supervision of Dr. Michael Macdonald. Dr. Knauf expects to spend four weeks in the field this summer, as well as participating in the projects of other German archaeologists who will be working in Jordan this year.

There is a long tradition of German scholarship in Jordan, dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries. In more recent times, Professor Mittmann conducted a survey of the Ajlun area in 1963-65, discovering 600 sites other than the 200 that had been recorded in the 1930s by the American Nelson Glueck.

In 1965, Professor Herbert Donner carried out preservation and restoration work on the famous Madaba map mosaic, while in the same year, and again in 1967, Dr. Ute Wagner-Lux excavated some ancient Madaba churches with mosaic floors. The 1967 Arab-Israeli war interrupted the work of German scholars in Jordan, which resumed in 1974 with the survey of the Umm Qais city site by Dr. Wagner-Lux and three other German colleagues.

The German Protestant Institute for the Archaeology of the Holy Land is located on the hill opposite the University of Jordan, in a house adjacent to the International Hotel and around the corner from the British Institute of Archaeology and History. The head office of the Institute is in Frankfurt, West Germany, and the Institute is funded totally by grants from the Protestant Church in West Germany. Dr. Knauf, who is in Amman with his wife and two children, can be contacted at the Institute on 842924.

In Mukawir, near the northeastern coast of the Dead Sea, in the early 1970s, and in 1973 began exploring Roman military installations in the region. He returned in 1978 and discovered a palace and a road; the palace appears to be an early Umayyad structure and the road probably dates to the pre-Roman era. Dr. Knauf suggested.

In 1979, Dr. Knauf himself copied, studied and published some Thamudic inscriptions in Jordan.

One of the major German projects is an archaeological survey of ancient Edom, conducted under the leadership of Dr. Manfred Weippert in 1974 and 1978. He returns to Jordan this summer for the first of his two remaining seasons on the project. He will bring with him a team of young German biblical scholars who will be participating in summer study-tours in the Holy Land (Jordan, Syria, Palestine) that have been conducted by the German Protestant Institute since the late 19th Century. The tour always includes a brief field experience, and this year the group will help Dr. Weippert carry out his survey of Edom.

Another major German-Jordanian project that will get underway this autumn is a survey and excavations at Mughayer, north of Irbid. The area includes sites from the Stone Age and the Early, Middle and Late Bronze periods, through to the Byzantine era, and including all periods in between. The area thus offers a potentially rich archaeological record of successive civilisations and their relationships to one another. A survey of the Mughayer area will be followed by simultaneous excavations at several sites. The German team will be led by Professor Siegfried Mittmann, and the Jordanian team will work under the direction of Dr. Muawiyah Ibrahim of Yarmouk University.

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FEATURES

By Jonathan Clayton
Reuter

LONDON — Guinness, a dark and heavy Irish beer with a thick creamy head, much revered in its native land, is about to test the effectiveness of the armory of modern advertising and marketing techniques.

For a £7 million (\$11 million) advertising campaign, just launched in Britain amid great publicity, succeeds in halting a slide in sales it will be a textbook case of aggressive marketing

reviving an ailing industry.

The "guinness" campaign, already hailed by some as heralding a new genre in advertising, is notable for stressing what are seen as the negative effects of not buying the product.

The campaign highlights the plight of an army of poor, sad souls — the so-called "guinness" — who have gone too long without tasting the beverage.

The outcome will be closely

watched by the advertising industry and could have world-wide implications. Guinness sells widely in Britain, Ireland, Malaysia and West Africa and the company has been examining marketing it as a world brand.

Although Guinness still has five per cent of Britain's total beer sales its market share has halved in the last 10 years. Profits have slumped to £42 million (\$66 million) after peaking at £53 million

(\$84 million) two years ago.

Some admen described it as a dying brand whose time had passed as the all-important younger drinkers switched to light beers, such as Lager, because of their more fashionable image.

Over the years Guinness has established a special reputation in Britain for stylish and good-humoured advertising but the company says research showed it did not encourage people to drink

more of its beer.

Almost exactly a year ago the company hit back. With help of a new advertising agency it launched the most intensive research programme the beer business — or probably any other consumer market — has ever seen.

Teams of investigators interviewed hundreds of people, pored over mountains of statistics, and even consulted psychiatrists and

sociologists as the tastes of the British beer drinker were relentlessly probed.

Drinkers in bars were asked to grapple with clay to try to express visually the delights of a good pint (0.56 litres) — the traditional measure used here to serve beer — while others scribbled pictures.

The outcome was the "guinness".

But the campaign will go beyond just advertisements. The company plans to spend further

millions developing the idea of the "guinness" in every other medium from public relations to sponsorship.

Joke radio phone-ins from sufferers, television commercials featuring hapless victims and banners trailed behind aeroplanes at major football games are all planned. "Friends of the Guinness" organisation to help the so-called sufferers has also been created.

Speaking of the new approach, managing director Ernest Saunders said, "in terms of business-getting ability I believe previous advertising lost its way and was not relevant to the changes in the market, in particular, to the drinking habits and attitudes of young people."

The company is confident the campaign can turn the beer into a fashionable drink without frightening off older, more conservative customers. The stakes are high and the competitive advertising world will watch with an interest.

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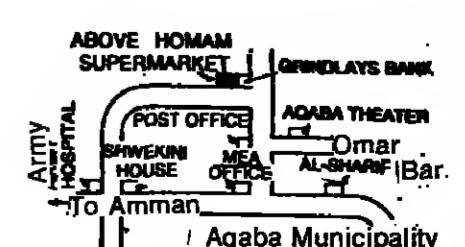
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Future of world's wildlife on the line

By Lloyd Timberlake

Delegates from 80 nations met in Indonesia recently to decide the future of the world's national parks.

The delegates to the World National Parks Congress are conservationists and scientists rather than politicians, and they are meeting on the exotic holiday island of Bali. So one might expect a quiet few days of anecdotes about tourists and animals.

It may not be quite like that. As one British delegate put it before leaving: "It could become a bloodbath — as one sacred cow after another is slaughtered".

This congress, organised by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), are held only once a decade. The 1962 meeting in Seattle, U.S., and the 1972 gathering at Yellowstone National Park, U.S., mainly preached the gospel of the North American ideal of national parks. But many Third World conservationists will come to Bali with strong ideas about revising that gospel.

"The idea of 'national parks', as it is presently conceived, is an alien and unacceptable idea to the African population," said Kenyan ecologist Walter Lusigi, a conference delegate. He has called for more "multiple use areas", as opposed to parks.

"It is one thing to keep urban Americans from farming Yellowstone, quite another to keep Massai herders out of Kenya's Amboseli park," Dr. Lusigi added.

According to the strict IUCN/UNESCO definition, laid down mainly by U.S. and European experts, national parks must be devoted to science and conservation, and be areas in which no humans live.

The Indonesian government plans to declare a new national park in Bali during the congress, and has not taken kindly to pre-congress suggestions that it may not fall within the official U.N. definition because there is some commercial forestry there.

IUCN officials note that over the past decade, leadership in the national parks movement has shifted from North America to the Third World. It is the latter which is producing most of the good new ideas on parks, and the better papers for the Bali conference come mostly from developing nations.

As two-thirds of the world's wild plant and animal species are found in developing nations, the shift is appropriate. But Third

IUCN's own "World Conservation Strategy" (1980), defined "conservation" as "the management of human use of the biosphere so that it may yield the greatest sustainable benefit to

present generations while maintaining its potential to meet the needs and aspirations of future generations".

IUCN officials cite examples of conservation work which have

strains for European and North American farmers. This contribution is reckoned to be worth \$700 million per year in the U.S. alone. Also, medicines and pharmaceuticals based on wildlife are

few charismatic endangered creatures. Millions of dollars are being spent to save the California condor, but little to protect the thousands of species in small stretches of threatened Amazonian rainforests. So "species conservation" is another sacred cow in danger at Bali.

The "World Conservation Strategy" estimates that 10 per cent of the world's wild species could be extinct by the year 2000. The U.S. "Global 2000" report says 15-20 per cent of species may be gone by then.

But the profits from wildlife go to the wealthy nations which have the science to breed crops and develop medicines. The developing nations, which bear the expense of conserving the wildlife, are seeking ways of getting the Northern governments to pay their "fair share".

For instance, who is going to pay for the conservation of Peru's wild rubber trees, which have enabled breeders to increase rubber plantation yields 40-fold over the past century? Should the money come from the Malaysian plantation owners? From Goodyear, Michelin and the other big rubber companies? Or from the motorists?

The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) is drafting an international convention which would establish the principle that all countries are entitled to a fair return for their genetic resources.

But no one has come up with a method by which this "fair return" might be paid. Some conservationists have suggested special taxes on the Northern seed and drug companies which make profits from genetic resources, the revenue going to conservation in the south.

A draft congress declaration notes that "the establishment of an adequate network of protected areas in developing countries requires new and generous arrangements for the transfer of financial resources and the provision of technical assistance". It makes clear that "conservation" is about the provision of food, water, fuel and other basic human needs.

The Bali congress is supposed to be scientific rather than political. But politicians, such as outspoken Indonesian environment minister Emil Salim, will be there in force to air the hard political and economic issues which modern international conservation raises.

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Randa Habib's corner

Why so central?

Every time I drive down Prince Mohammad Street and pass the Samir Rifai school, I wonder whose idea it was to build a school in this area.

It is superfluous to point out that the traffic in this area — already very dense due to its closeness to the heart of town — is rendered even heavier when classes finish.

What is the logic of having a school in such a busy area? The children who go to this school have to breathe the smell of petrol from the numerous cars that pass by. Furthermore, the site where the school is now was previously the Prince Mohammad garden that we all remember well. The garden was not very big, but it provided a bit of greenery and some benches, which was something for the children of the neighbourhood.

A school is a place where children spend many hours daily; it should be healthy, clean and airy. A school should also be as spacious as possible to allow the children to play sports.

We in Jordan have many empty spaces, the lands surrounding the capital are lovely and have been planted recently with trees. There are so many hills and valleys where we can build schools and take advantage of all this space.

Instead of being in the heart of town the school could have been built in Marj el Hammam, on the road to Naour, in Hashimieh or elsewhere. The children would then have benefited from a lovely view fresh air and open space, the Prince Mohammad garden would have been preserved, and the traffic connecting Jabal Amman, Jabal Weibdeh and the centre of town would have been eased.

A big boost for U.S.-Arab studies

WASHINGTON — Intercultural cooperation got a big boost on Jan. 25 with the establishment of a chair in Arab-American studies at Georgetown University in Washington.

Kuwait government officials joined officials of the Georgetown Centre for Contemporary Arab Studies to announce a million-dollar grant by Kuwait to fund the Sheikh Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah chair — one of four such grants by Arab nations which support the work of faculty and scholars at the centre.

The purpose of the chair is to augment the research capacity of the centre in the area of contemporary Arab affairs and public policy, while enhancing the university's goal of providing its students with a liberal education.

Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem, Kuwait's minister of defence, described the chair as "tangible evidence of Kuwait's desire to promote educational and cultural cooperation."

Doctor Michael Hudson, director of the Centre for Contemporary Arab Studies, described the centre as the largest and most dynamic international relations programme in the United States and a leader in the

development of intercultural communications. "This chair," he said, "will capture the essence of educational development of an interdependent world." Hudson praised Dr. Peter F. Krogh, dean of Georgetown's School of Foreign Service, for his help in guiding the development of the centre since its establishment in 1975.

The centre was established to provide an Arab studies academic programme and to engage in scholarly activity on Arab society and culture. The centre serves students who intend to specialise in Arab affairs and provides opportunities for those with a variety of other international interests to obtain some familiarity with the Arab World.

Its programmes include multidisciplinary programmes in Arab language and literature, business, economics, fine arts, government, history, international affairs, law, philosophy, sociology, and theology.

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Extinct onagers re-introduced into Jordan

By Reem Habib

Special to the Jordan Times

Two onagers are due to arrive in Jordan next week, years after the animal became extinct here. The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN), after its success in re-introducing and breeding the oryx, is now attempting a similar experiment with the onager (also known as the Syrian wild ass).

The onager is one of the five mammals reported extinct in Jordan. A 1977 RSCN report stated: "Sixty-nine mammals

have been reliably recorded in Jordan. Five of them are locally extinct". The five are the brown bear, Asiatic lion, Arabian oryx, fallow deer, and the Syrian wild ass.

The onager belongs to the family Equidae, which includes all living species of the horse family. The onager was once widespread in the Middle East, but became rare in the 19th century, and extinct in the horse.

Onagers are gregarious,

said a conference organiser. The organisers see not a North-South confrontation at Ball, but perhaps a debate between "new wave" and "old school" conservationists, most of the latter being from the North.

brought direct economic benefits to local populations. Peru has brought the vicuna back from extinction, and is earning foreign exchange with its fur. An Indonesian park on Java protects the watershed of 20-30 million

herbivorous animals with a lifespan of twenty years. Usually a single young is born 11 or 12 months after the mating period. The animal looks almost like the common domestic donkey. It has a sandy coloured coat with a short erect black mane. Its ears are longer than those of the horse, and has a tufted tail.

The RSCN is now awaiting the arrival of a breeding pair of onagers. The onagers are coming from the Montpellier Zoo in

France, and will be transported to Paris, from where they will be flown here. The animals will be kept in isolation at Azraq for two weeks to ensure absence of any diseases. Then they will be let loose at the Shaamari Wild Life Reserve, where they are expected to survive and breed.

The RSCN has future plans to re-introduce the rest of Jordan's reported extinct mammals.

farmers growing rice beneath the park's two volcanoes. Wild relatives of key crops like wheat and corn, which grow in developing countries such as Ethiopia and Mexico, are used to breed disease and pest resistant

worth \$40 billion yearly in the developed world.

Thus some scientists want conservation to be about saving a broad range of wildlife populations — so-called "wild genetic resources" — rather than about a

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SPORTS

French captain Platini may quit European soccer

PARIS (R) — French captain Michel Platini told the sports daily *l'Equipe* Wednesday that he may quit Europe next year to play in the lucrative North American Soccer League (NASL).

"I'm very tempted by North America—New York Cosmos or Montreal Impact," he said.

Platini, 27, under contract with the Italian first division club Juventus until June 1984, said he might move after the European Championship due to be held in France next year.

Larios, a midfielder, had been with the club since 1978. He would not mention the money involved in his move.

His departure is the latest in a chain of setbacks which have seen the club plunge towards the bottom of the first division.

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Meanwhile Jean-Francois Larios, one of the star's of France's World Soccer Cup campaign last summer and captain of

troubled St. Etienne, has quit the club.

Larios said in a brief statement Tuesday night that he and club president Paul Bressy had agreed to end his contract and he now wanted to play in Spain.

His agent, Michel Basilevitch, said: "There are four Spanish clubs after him—Barcelona, Atletico Madrid, Valencia and Real Madrid. We are now going to choose."

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Rebel Sylvester appears set to stay in S.Africa

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Sylvester Clarke, whose 12-wicket haul for the rebel West Indian tourists ensured them victory over a South African XI Tuesday, appears set to stay in the country after the tour ends in 12 days.

Top cricket sources said Wednesday the Transvaal Cricket Board would meet Wednesday night to discuss an offer to the 28-year-old paceman to join the provincial side.

Clarke rippled through the South African's top batting Tuesday to give the rebel team a 29-run victory and square the two-match series of four-day games.

If a contract is agreed, Clarke will join former West Indies test captain Alvin Kallicharran, who is in his second season with Transvaal.

The touring team, still jubilant Wednesday after turning the tables on the home side—they lost all their second innings for 94 runs

after an opening partnership of 87—face a tough test of stamina in the final phase of their controversial tour.

After a limited overs match against Natal province in Durban Thursday, they face six one-day games in the space of nine days against a South African XI, travelling the length and breadth of the country during that period.

The touring team also have to contend with illness and injury which has hampered their team selection. Colin Croft, possibly the most effective of their fast bowlers, missed the two four-day matches and Ezra Moseley missed the second, both with nagging back trouble.

Collis King, who scored a beligerent century in the second four-day match, has suffered painful cramps in the legs and opening batsman Alvin Greenidge has tonsilitis.

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'83 America's Cup challenge shaping up as stiffest ever

By Carleton Mitchell

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In the hazy sunshine off Newport, Rhode Island, tall masts will gleam like knight's lances in medieval tournaments as rivals charge and circle, feint and parry amid the pageantry of a flag-decked spectator fleet. Adding to the drama building through a long summer of preparation and trials, the two finalists will not be named until a week before the ultimate test.

When the schooner yacht America won the ornate silver trophy that now bears her name, racing an assembled British fleet from the Isle of Wight in 1851, the reply to a question asked by Queen Victoria became not only one of the most quoted phrases in sport but also one of the most highly prophetic:

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FISA extends Formula One registration deadline

PARIS (R) — FISA, the governing body of motor racing, has extended the deadline for teams to register their drivers for the forthcoming Formula One Grand Prix season, a spokesman said Wednesday.

The previous deadline was Jan. 31 but FISA decided to extend it until the end of this month at the request of several teams, the spokesman said.

Motor racing sources said the reason for the delay was that several teams were having difficulty in recruiting sponsors to finance second string drivers.

The Ligier team has said it needs extra cash, and the sources said others with financial problems were Arrows, Toleman, Theodore, March and ATS.

India faces uphill task

KARACHI (R) — India's bowlers face an uphill task when the sixth and final cricket test against Pakistan resumes here Thursday.

Already 3-0 ahead in the series, Pakistan go into the fourth day's play at 269 for two, 125 runs behind India's first innings of 393 for eight declared.

And Pakistan appear well set for a big score on a grassless wicket at the national stadium which looks full of runs.

India finished Tuesday on a high note when the ever-dangerous Javed Miandad was out for 47 in the final over, caught by wicket keeper Syed Kirmani off Balwinder Singh Sandhu.

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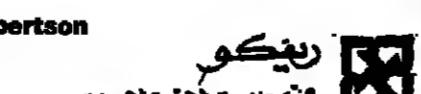
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Amman Little League baseball season begins

AMMAN (J.T.) — A spokesman for the Amman Little League Association announced Wednesday that tryouts for this season's T. Ball competition will be held on Friday Feb. 4 at the American Community School.

The tournament will be open to boys and girls aged 6-8 and registration fee will be JD 3. Tryouts will be held between 9.00 and 13.00 hours.

The spokesman also said that tryouts for Mid/Seniors baseball tournament will be held on Friday Feb. 11.

National team to compete in Khartoum meet

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Jordanian national tennis team will leave here for Khartoum on Sunday Feb. 13 to take part in the Arab Men Tennis Championships which will be held in the Sudanese capital between Feb. 1 and Feb. 22.

The team comprising three members is to be headed by Tala Maher. The two young tennis players taking part are Rami Farraj and Ziyad Al Dajani accompanied by coach Maureen Stalla. At present they are to be undergoing intensive training at Al Hussein Youth City in preparation for the Khartoum tournament.

Meanwhile, it was announced here that the Jordan Tennis Federation's President Muwafiq Al Fawwaz will leave for Khartoum on Feb. 21 to take part in an Arab tennis federation's meeting which will be held there on Feb. 21 and 22.

Fencing federation established

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'an Abu Nowar has reportedly decided to establish a Jordanian Fencing Federation to be headed by retired army Brig. Mohammad Al Smadi who had earlier served as vice president of the Jordanian Football Federation.

A report in Al Ra'i newspaper said Wednesday that consultations are underway for selecting federation members who are expected to include representatives from the University of Jordan and the Jordanian Armed Forces.

Fencing has always been one of the most popular sports for the armed forces members, and Jordan participated in the Arab fencing tournament held in Beirut in 1957. Mr. Smadi himself practised fencing while serving with the army, the paper said.

THE Daily Crossword

by Emory H. Cain

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ECONOMY

People's Daily calls on Chinese to reject Soviet planning, no deal

PEKING (AFP) — The People's Daily Wednesday called on Chinese civil servants to reject the Soviet model for management and economic planning.

It said it had not enabled the Chinese economic development. The party organ did not mention the Soviet Union by name but it said the system, which had enjoyed an influence in China for years, hampered growth and productivity, proving ineffective in many sectors.

The comment comes soon after the resumption of difficult Sino-Soviet talks on normalising links between the two countries.

Even when relations cooled in the early 1960's, Chinese economists continued to be broadly inspired by the USSR in the realms of enterprise management.

But in recent years the situation has changed noticeably with the Chinese adoption of a system combining rigorous planning with selected aspects of the free market system, and the emergence of "responsibility systems" linking pay to output with a view to productivity gains.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (IR) — Equities were mixed in moderate trading, dealers said. The F.T. index at 1500 Wednesday was up 1.5 at 629.9.

Most oil shares were unchanged after Tuesday's reports that Gulf producers are considering price cuts.

Government bonds closed around Tuesday night's close better than expected U.K. reserve figures dealers said. Some switching was noted into index linked bonds of which the 2½ per cent 2016 '18p' issue is now being supplied by the government broker at 25½ after 25%.

Golds and North American shares were lower.

Boots was up 1p at 250 after news of rationalisation plans for houseware retailing. ICI was unchanged on balance at 382 on news it is to merge some subsidiary interests with Marley, which was up 1½p at 58½.

Anderson Strathclyde was up 1p at 161 on news that its offer for national milk service has been oversubscribed and Dunlop was up 2p at 47 after the revised sale agreement with Pegi Malaysia. Vantona rose 1p to 114 ahead of the acceptance deadline for its offer to merge with Carrington Viyella, which fell ½p to 9p.

Banks were firm, with Lloyds up 7p at 450, while in insurance Hamble Life fell 2p to 298 after Tuesday's share placement.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.5195/5205	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2364/67	Canadian dollars
2.4830/40		West German marks
2.7230/40		Dutch guilders
2.0355/75		Swiss francs
48.55/60		Belgian francs
7.0300/50		French francs
1.423.50/1424.00		Italian lire
241.00/20		Japanese yen
7.5200/5300		Swedish crowns
7.1980/2080		Norwegian crowns
8.7100/7300		Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	497.00/498.00	U.S. dollars

THE BETTER HALF® By Harris

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"The regularly scheduled program will not be seen tonight because we've run so many holiday specials we can't remember what it was."

JUMBLE® THAT SCRABBLE WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

KEPOD

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT IN THE FISHING BASKET?

DELOY

NOBEEG

VOONCY

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: **A** **B** **C** **D** **E** **F** **G** **H** **I** **J** **K** **L** **M** **N** **O** **P** **Q** **R** **S** **T** **U** **V** **W** **X** **Y** **Z**

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: **SALUTE JADED UNLESS FORGOT**

Answer: What he did when she rowed—JUST RODE

OPEC official rules out cut in oil price

VIENNA (R) — OPEC Secretary-General Mare Nan Nguema has ruled out "for the moment" a cut in the oil cartel's official reference price of \$34 a barrel, the OPEC News Agency said Wednesday.

Tuesday, the Kuwait News Agency said OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) Gulf producers would announce a \$4 cut, adding to a downward trend in oil markets since OPEC failed to come up with a pricing and production agreement in Geneva last week.

The Qatar cabinet under the emir, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, urged OPEC states to follow pricing rules, Qatar radio reported.

In the UAE, the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company held crisis talks chaired by the crown prince, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, on the world oil situation, officials said.

Oil experts in Abu Dhabi said they interpreted the presence of Sheikh Khalifa, the chairman of the ruling Council of the Emirate, as indicating the importance of Wednesday's meeting.

Oil analysts said wide-spread expectations that the Gulf states would cut prices by about \$4 a barrel had sent jitters through the non-contract oil markets.

One rumour was that Kuwait was selling crude below its official

price, but oil ministry officials denied this.

The analysis said the Gulf states appeared to be awaiting an expected price cut by North Sea exporters before acting.

They said the Gulf countries also appeared hesitant about making a cut for fear that other OPEC countries, such as financially hard-pressed Nigeria, would make matching reductions and begin a price war that could send the oil market into a tailspin.

A number of OPEC oil ministers, including Indonesia's Dr. Sabri, were expected to meet in Venezuela next week during a visit to mark the inauguration of a new refinery.

But Gulf sources said Wednesday that most, if not all, of the region's oil ministers, including Saudi Arabia's Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, would not be attending.

The OPEC crisis stems from an unexpectedly severe drop in demand for the exporter group's crude because of recession in the oil-consuming West, conservation

and the use of alternative energy.

OPEC output has fallen to about 16 million barrels daily from a 1974 peak of about 31 million.

On the other hand, Venezuela will not cut its oil production to 1.5 million bid. The quota set at the OPEC meeting last March, Energy and Mines Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said.

In a speech at the opening of the "Petrowax '83" petroleum exhibition, he said a reduction of such magnitude would seriously affect the country's financial situation.

But the minister pointed out that Venezuela was prepared to make "sacrifices" by offering some cuts in its total output to maintain OPEC unity.

Mr. Calderon described as "feasible" the possibility of a new OPEC meeting next week, in which a "greater understanding" could be achieved.

He indicated that a "prior guarantee" on production levels and differentials could be agreed

through ministerial contacts beforehand.

He said that after the OPEC conference in Vienna last December, an international campaign aimed at weakening the organisation had increased, with the intention of "creating panic" so that unilateral decisions would be taken by member countries.

"Foreign interests and national politicians have tried in single out Venezuela as a country that violates agreements in OPEC". On this, one can say that the country at no time has violated nor ceased to fulfil accords in the organisation and it is for that reason we have demand... similar behaviour by the others, he said.

KDC enters in direct oil marketing

KUWAIT (A.P.) — The state-owned Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KDC) announced Wednesday it has taken over the marketing operations of the U.S. Gulf Oil in Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

The announcement said the purchase agreement was signed in London the previous day, but did not disclose the price paid.

Under the agreement, the KDC will enter the field of direct marketing to consumers through the 750 gas stations operated by Gulf Oil in the three countries.

The takeover includes Gulf's oil refinery at Rotterdam, Holland, which has a capacity of 750,000 barrels of refined gasoline per day. The announcement said.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 3, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early part of the day is splendid for getting things done, but later some deceptive influences are in effect. Maintain a cheerful manner and be more thoughtful of others.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You can impress one in power in the morning with your abilities. But don't rest on your laurels. Be more encouraging.

TAUROS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Use your intuition, which is accurate now, in handling financial affairs. Think along optimistic lines. Be logical.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Your logic is working fine early in the day, and you can act wisely. Don't take any risks when dealing with others.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Make plans to have more abundance in the future. The planets are most favorable for getting ahead in career matters.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Be sure to complete any work left undone before taking on new work. Discuss important business matters with financial experts.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Plan early for whatever you want to do, then carry through intelligently. This can be a particularly fine day for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take time to put your business affairs in better order. Await a better time for looking into new outlets. Use care in motion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Support persons who have been loyal to you in the past. Show increased devotion to loved one. Plan for the future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study your money situation and make plans to have more financial security. Strive to be more efficient in your work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Have conferences with higher-ups early and gain their support and goodwill. Take time to improve your appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Obtain the information you need from the right sources. A financial expert can give advice for a plan you have in mind.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Keep busy at tasks that can bring you added income in the days ahead. Handle important business matters wisely.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will want to analyze every phase of every situation. Also, an artistic person in this chart with fine talents. Give as fine a religious training as you can in order to maintain an optimistic manner. Sports are important.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 4, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A time not to resent slights or make sudden changes, or you could fail to gain your objectives. Accept conditions as they are and don't become irritated with others at this time.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Try to please your friends today instead of talking about personal worries. Show more consideration for the one you love.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Don't irritate a higher-up or you could have more trouble than you can handle. Show increased devotion to family members.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Be alert to opportunities but don't jump into anything hastily. Studying old situations that need clarification brings right answers.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Use care and tact in attending to promises and gain the respect of others. A new outlet can be profitable.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) You have to be tactful with an associate and prevent some action that could be detrimental to you both. Think constructively.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Quietly straighten out any errors at work and avoid getting panicky. A co-worker could be distraught so give words of encouragement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have to be more sensible where practical matters are concerned to gain your aims at this time. Be poised.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Any situations that arise today should be considered from a standpoint of how they will affect you and family members.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Attend to duties that must be done early in the day so you'll have time for social activities later. Be cheerful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You need to apply yourself more now to gain your cherished wishes. Sidestep one who will impose on you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Use good sense today, especially in the face of a possible emergency. Also, be sure to show thoughtfulness for others.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Carry through with original plans even though you may be limited in some way. Use diplomacy in your business dealings.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be one who has to be taught to seek sensible solutions for whatever is puzzling and thereby avoid trouble. Direct education along lines of entertainment since there is talent in this chart. Don't neglect ethical training.

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Peanuts



Mutt 'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



WORLD

Vietnamese besiege refugee camp as guerrillas withdraw

BANGKOK (R) — Vietnamese troops were digging in Wednesday around a captured refugee camp just inside Kampuchea's border with Thailand and bombing remnants of an insurgent group driven out of the settlement, Thai military sources said.

The Vietnamese attacked Nong Chan Camp, home of 48,000 Kampuchean displaced from the interior, after an eight-hour artillery barrage on Monday. Tens of thousands of refugees scattered to seek safety and 2,000 guerrillas loyal to resistance leader Son Sann were driven out.

It was the biggest attack in the present dry season fighting between Vietnamese forces hacking the Heng Samrin government in Phnom Penh and the guerrillas opposed to their occupation of Kampuchea.

Witnesses have reported that about a dozen of Son Sann's Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPJNLF) were killed in the attack. Officials of relief agencies said more than 60 seriously wounded Kampuchean

had been admitted to a hospital in Thailand and other casualties were being treated at field clinics.

"There are certainly a lot more wounded trapped inside the camp," a Red Cross official said. "But no one can get there because of the Vietnamese and their continued shelling."

The Thai military sources said the Vietnamese were digging in around the burned out camp, two kilometres from the border, and were still using mortars and rockets to bombard remnants of the KPJNLF force.

They said the attack appeared to be retaliation for the temporary loss of a strategic Vietnamese artillery base six kilometre inside Kampuchea which the KPJNLF seized early last month and held for three weeks.

Cheah Chhut, leader of the guerrillas at the camp, said Tuesday that the attack was launched by 5,000 Vietnamese troops backed by 10 Soviet-made tanks.

Son Sann is prime minister of the coalition government rec-

ognised by the United Nations and headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk. His KPJNLF has about 8,000 men.

The third coalition partner, the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge ousted from Phnom Penh by the Vietnamese invasion in 1978, has 30,000 fighters.

Thai army commander-in-chief Arthit Karang-Ek said Wednesday that Thailand had strengthened its border defences and put them on full alert.

The army returned artillery fire on Monday after more than 50 Vietnamese rockets and mortar rounds landed on Thai territory killing one villager and injuring several others.

Tuesday night the foreign ministry said the Vietnamese attack on the camp violated humanitarian principles because it civilian targets and disrupted international relief operations.

The Vietnamese action reflected its policy to use force rather than peaceful means to achieve its objectives in Kampuchea.

Sino-Indo border talks end indecisively

PEKING (R) — China and India Wednesday ended their third round of border talks without settling the long-running dispute but made progress in understanding each other's positions, the New China News Agency (NCNA) said.

The official agency said talks would continue in New Delhi but no date had been set.

The five days of talks in the latest round proceeded according to plan and "both sides were positive in their attitude to the negotiations on the boundary question," the agency added.

There was no immediate comment from the Indian side.

The first two rounds of talks — in December 1981 and May last year — failed to make progress on

the dispute over which the world's two most populous nations fought a bitter month-long border war in 1962.

The New China News Agency said the atmosphere at the third round was friendly and the two sides had "an in-depth exchange of views in an earnest and frank way, furthering the understanding of each other's positions on how to settle the question."

Talks on trade and economic cooperation and cultural exchanges were "fruitful and inspiring and made positive progress." Both sides were satisfied with the results, the agency added.

The Chinese side at the discussions was led by Fu Hao, an adviser to the foreign ministry, while K.S. Bajpal, a former

ambassador to Peking, headed the Indian delegation.

Mr. Bajpal, now secretary in India's ministry of external affairs, is scheduled to leave Peking for home Thursday, the agency said.

China is eager to make progress in other fields first and settle the frontier issue later, while India, which came off worst in the 1962 war, regards a solution of the border question as central to the normalization of relations.

India says China occupies about 37,500 square kilometres of Indian territory at the Western end of their border, in the remote Aksai Chin area of Ladakh and in a Pakistan-controlled part of Kashmire, itself the subject of dispute between New Delhi and Islamabad.

His trip here came as China's ally, North Korea, declared its army to be in a state of "semi-war" in reaction to joint military manoeuvres under way by the U.S. and South Korea.

Mr. Shultz called Pyongyang's action provocative and something to watch. "I don't know of any reasons to expect any explosions from this," he added, however.

He said his talks in Peking, beginning with a meeting Wednesday with Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian, might also deal with the Geneva arms control talks, nuclear power equipment supplies

West wins human rights vote despite objections

GENEVA (R) — Western states Wednesday won a vote which will give the United Nations human rights commission more time to debate human rights in Poland and Central America despite Soviet and some Latin American objections.

In the first vote of its six-week annual session here, the commission voted 23 to seven with four abstentions in favour of an Irish proposal to schedule 45 more hours of meetings.

Western delegates argued that with the first two weeks given over

to debates on Israeli-occupied Arab territories and southern Africa, the 43-nation commission would have little time to get through its heavy agenda.

The Soviet Union, backed by Argentina, argued against spending the extra \$110,000 to provide the meetings with officials and translators, and demanded a vote.

Costa Rica and Argentina voted with the Communist states and Mozambique against the Irish proposal, but other Latin American states voted in favour of the plan.

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BONN (R) — West Germany said Wednesday it expected Bolivia to take a decision on its request for the extradition of Klaus Altmann, wanted here as a suspected Nazi war criminal.

A foreign ministry spokesman said Bonn had no official confirmation of reports that Altmann, alias Klaus Barbie, a Nazi intelligence officer who fled to South America after World War II was about to fly to Brazil.

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GOREN BRIDGE

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North-South vulnerable.
West deals.

NORTH
♦ QJ
♦ A4
♦ AK J63
♦ A7Q2

WEST
♦ 632
♦ Void
♦ J9875
♦ 972
♦ 988

SOUTH
♦ AK 1098754
♦ Q632
♦ Void
♦ 5

Against seven spades West led his top club. Declarer won the ace, ruffed a diamond and re-entered dummy with the jack of spades for another diamond ruff. Now declarer started to run trumps, coming down to this position:

NORTH
—
♦ A4
♦ AK J63
♦ A7Q2

WEST
—
♦ 987
♦ K10
♦ 99
♦ 8

SOUTH
♦ 98
♦ Q632
♦ 98
♦ 5

The bidding:
West North East South

Pass 2 ♦ 2 NT 3 ♦

Pass 3 NT Pass 4 NT

Pass 5 ♦ Pass 5 NT

Pass 6 ♦ Pass 7 ♦

Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♦.

One of Holland's most prestigious pair championships was recently won by 17-year-old Taco Wirschell, partnered by his father, Wim. They outclassed a field that included many of their country's finest players.

On this hand from the event, the senior Wirschell displayed impressive technique. However, don't ask us to explain the auction, because we don't know what North's two-club opening was. Intuitively, four no trump was Blackwood, a highly doubtful maneuver with a 100% and, as might be expected, East's unusual no trump helped declarer in the play.

It might seem that such fine play should have been worth a top score, but no. A number of pairs reached seven no trump from the North seat. Twelve tricks quickly became thirteen because East was end played at trick one — no matter what he led, he had to present declarer with an extra trick.

"However, in view of our unemployment rate of more than two million, this aim can only be achieved if the further influx of foreigners is limited," the state-

ment said.

West Germany has about 1.5 million Turkish "guest workers" and their families, who were encouraged to come during the boom of the 1960s. Unemployment among Turks in West Germany is now well above the national average of 9.1 per cent.

The statement said Mr. Zimmermann stressed a need to limit immigration of foreign workers' families to children under seven years old.

The opposition Social Democrats have condemned the plan, and the Liberal Free Democrats (FDP) have rejected it as unfair.

Shultz arrives in China to seek ways to a common foreign policy

PEKING (R) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz arrived in Peking Wednesday seeking to clear misunderstandings between China and the United States and look for common foreign policy interests.

Mr. Shultz, making his first trip to the Chinese capital, flew in from Tokyo on the second leg of an Asian tour that will also take him to South Korea and Hong Kong.

Mr. Shultz told reporters aboard his plane he believed he might be able to correct "misunderstandings" that had arisen between the two countries as China pursued a policy line independent of both the U.S. and Hong Kong.

He said he was prepared to talk with Chinese leaders about U.S. policies and objectives, notably in the Middle East where Peking has bitterly attacked Israel.

He said the U.S. wanted to work with Chinese leaders about the defence of sea lanes, he said:

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